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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
September 30, 2004 and 2003

St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority Three Rivers, Michigan September 30, 2004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority, as of and for the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority as of September 30, 2004 and 2003, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, thereof for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 6 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated November 19, 2004, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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November 19, 2004



REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority

We have audited the financial statements of St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority as of and for the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Director's, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

McMurray, Marks & Edmunds

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November 19, 2004

The St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority (the "Authority") is a public transporation authority located in St. Joseph County, Michigan, which adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 ("GASB 34") during its first year of operations. The Management's Discussion and Analysis, a requirement of GASB 34, is intended to be a discussion and analysis of the financial results for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 of the management of the Authority.

Financial Highlights

- The Authority's total net assets at September 30, 2004 were \$141,613, of which \$116,755 was invested in capital assets. At September 30, 2003 net assets were \$126,161.
- The Authority's total expenses were \$850,098, while total revenues were \$865,550 (\$352,262-operating; \$513,288 non-operating and capital contributions).
- The Authority exceeded the statutory assistance of 42.236619648% (2004) and 43.800078503% (2003) of eligible expenses for operating assistance by \$128,902 for the two fiscal years and has recorded a current year payable. The Authority was below the 10.95% for section 5311 funding by \$17,519 for and has recorded a current year receivable.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This report consists of three parts---management's discussions and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and supplemental information. The basic financial statements include only one kind of statement as the Authority is a special purpose governmental entity and no reconciling items exist between the entity and a government-wide statement.

Government-wide statements and the fund financial statements are presented as one set as they both provide the long-term and short-term information about the Authority's financial status. The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

Financial Analysis of the Authority as a Whole

Summary of net assets —The Authority's net assets were \$141,613 and \$126,161 as noted below:

	2004			2003		
Current assets	\$	197,088	\$	182,614		
Capital assets		116,755		104,885		
Total assets	\$	313,843	\$	287,499		
Current liabilities	\$	172,230	\$	161,338		
Net assets						
Invested in capital assets	\$	116,755	\$	104,885		
Unrestricted		24,858		21,276		
Total net assets	\$	141,613	\$	126,161		

Analysis of Financial Position

The Authority's operations ending September 30, 2004 and 2003 had net assets increasing by \$15,452 and \$126,161, respectively. A few of the significant factors affecting net assets during the year are discussed below:

A. Operations

Operating expenses exceeded operating revenues by \$497,836 and \$419,814. Net non-operating revenues of \$513,288 and \$545,975 were also received from sources that include operating grants from the State of Michigan and federal government.

B. Net Investment in Capital Assets

The Authority's investment in capital assets had an increase of \$11,870 at September 30, 2004. The net activity for the year is summarized in the following table:

	1	Balance]	Balance
	10/1/2003		Additions		Retirements		9/30/2004	
Capital assets	\$	116,539	\$	37,032	\$	-	\$	153,571
Less: accumulated								
depreciation		(11,654)		(25,162)		-		(36,816)
	\$	104,885	\$	11,870	\$	-	\$	116,755

The additions included a new communication system and related equipment to be used for maintaining buses. They were financed with contributions from capital grants received from the State of Michigan. Capital acquisitions are expected to be the same or slightly lower next year.

Results of Operations

The Authority's results of operations for the fiscal years ended September 30 are summarized below:

Revenues:

2004			2003		
	\$ 352,262	\$	309,027		
	\$ 363,235		404,753		
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\$	865,550	\$	855,002		
	850,098		728,841		
\$	15,452	\$	126,161		
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Results of Operations, Concluded

A. Operating Grants

The State of Michigan operating assistance grants funds totaled 42.236619648% and 43.800078503% of eligible operating expenses for 2004 and 2003, respectively.

B. Federal Grants

Funding is also received from Federal Section 5311 monies passed through the State of Michigan at 10.95% of eligible operating expenses. In addition, the Authority receives Project Zero monies based on a statewide program designed to return people to work. These funds, partnered with MDOT, FIA, and HDCD, are received and reported separately from regular public transit funds.

C. Charges for Services

The Authority also subsidizes operations with fares received from passengers from transportation services. Fares comprised \$352,262 or 40% and \$309,027 or 36% for 2004 and 2003, respectively, of total revenues received.

D. Contract Services

The Authority contracts with a third-party to provide all services for transportation in St. Joseph County, Michigan. Rates were charged based on vehicle hours at \$29.90/hour for the year ended September 30, 2004.

Usage for the years by quarter is shown in the following table:

	Vehicle	Hours	Vehicle	Mileage	Passe	ngers
<u>Quarter</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
First	5,612	3,891	130,586	110,526	16,896	12,598
Second	5,951	4,535	130,711	94,972	17,112	13,111
Thrid	5,662	4,924	120,052	106,757	16,612	15,552
Fourth	5,559	5,038	130,202	106,740	16,020	15,485
	22,784	18,388	511,551	418,995	66,640	56,746

Fund Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

Expenditures			Variance
	Original and		Audit vs.
	Final Budget	Final Audit	Final Budget
2003-2004	\$ 976,806	\$ 850,098	\$ 126,708
2002-2003	\$ 922,286	\$ 728,841	\$ 193,445

Fund Revenues Budget vs. Actual

Revenues

			Variance			
	Original and		Audit vs.			
	Final Budget	Final Audit	Final Budget			
2003-2004	\$ 975,323	\$ 865,550	\$ (109,773)			
2002-2003	\$ 922,532	\$ 855,002	\$ (67,530)			

Original verses Final Budget

There were no changes or amendments to the original preliminary budget to the final budget.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The funding composition for the transit service consists of State, Federal and Local dollars. While Federal funding has remained fairly consistent, State formula operating assistance from MDOT has continued to decline for the past several years. Other State funding for special programs like Transportation to Work has also been significantly reduced. State funding will probably continue to decrease based upon state forecasts of the economy.

The service received approximately sixty percent of its revenue from state/federal sources in FY 2004. The balance came from fare box and contract revenue. State/federal revenue is targeted at fifty percent for FY 2005. Without a millage or contribution from the County, the only source of local funds is the fare box and contracted services. Since much of the service is provided to human service agencies, the reductions they have received in State revenue also limits them on the amount of transportation they can contract for. This has had a significant impact on raising the local share. All of this makes it increasingly difficult to maintain the level of service that is needed to serve the County. The Authority has already eliminated all Sunday transit service and made a substantial reduction in the amount of service available on Saturdays and weekday evenings.

The local plan for budget monitoring includes review of the budget vs. actual expenses on a monthly basis to determine if financial goals are being met. If financial expectations are not being met, options to establish alignment include: a further reduction in service hours, raise fares/contract rates; or a combination of both. With both limited financial resources and means to raise revenue, the Authority will need to closely monitor service operations throughout the year.

Comparative Information

The financial report show comparative data and the Authority expect to continue to present full comparative statements.

Contacting the Authority's Financial Management

The financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to demonstrate the Authority's accountability for the money it receives. For questions about this report or additional information, contact the Authority at 810 Webber Street, Three Rivers, Michigan 49093.

	STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS				
	September 30, 2004 and 2003				
ASSETS					
Current Assets:		2004		2003	
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 3 and 5)	\$	120,206	\$	136,545	
Accounts receivable (Note 6)		47,004		32,979	
Due from federal government (Note 4)		17,519		5,401	
Escrow-Michigan Transit Pool		6,319		-	
Prepaid insurance (Note 3)		6,040		7,689	
Total current assets	\$	197,088	\$	182,614	
Noncurrent assets:					
Capital Assets: (Notes 3 and 7)					
Buses	\$	102,690	\$	102,690	
Equipment		50,881		13,849	
Less accumulated depreciation		(36,816)		(11,654)	
Total noncurrent assets	\$	116,755	\$	104,885	
Total assets	\$	313,843	\$	287,499	
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable (Note 6)	\$	37,009	\$	36,083	
Unearned Revenues		6,319		-	
Due to state government (Note 4)		128,902		125,255	
Total current liabilities	\$	172,230	\$	161,338	
NET ASSETS (Note 3)					
Invested in capital assets	\$	116,755	\$	104,885	
Unrestricted		24,858		21,276	

141,613

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126,161

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Total net assets

Total liabilities and net assets

September 30, 2004 and 2003 **OPERATING REVENUES** 2004 2003 352,262 309,027 Charges for services **OPERATING EXPENSES** Services: Advertising \$ 1,942 1,215 Audit costs 4,750 4,250 Other (transportation coordinator) 20,004 20,000 Materials and Supplies 1,165 1,217 Utilities 1,605 1,520 Casualty and Liability Costs: Premiums for public liability and property damage insurance 33,433 35,650 Other casualty and liability costs 12,524 6,515 Purchased transportation services 732,982 632,710 Miscellaneous: Travel, meetings, and training 1,080 1,513 Other miscellaneous 980 810 Operating leases and rentals 1,217 1,217 Interest on state advances 1,212 Depreciation on capital costs 25,162 11,654 Maintenance on capital costs 13,254 9,358 Total operating expenses 850,098 728,841 Net operating loss (497,836)(419,814)NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) State of Michigan operating grants: Operating assistance (Act 51) (Note 4) \$ 304,828 276,912 Specialized services-operating assistance 17,600 R.T.A.P. monies 1,944 821 Federal operating grants: Federal section 5311 monies (Note 4) 78,508 68,762 Federal project zero monies 72,460 71,545 Total nonoperating revenues 473,302 \$ 420,078 Income(loss) before contributions and transfers (24,534)264 CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS M.D.O.T Grant 2001-0888 102,690 M.D.O.T Grant 2002-0693/Z3 38,436 M.D.O.T Grant 2002-0571 13,849 M.D.O.T Grant 2002-0567 1,550 9,358 \$ 15,452 Change in net assets 126,161 Net assets---beginning of year 126,161 Net assets---end of year 141,613 126,161

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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	September 30, 2004 and 2003				
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		2004		2003	
Receipts from customers	\$	350,673	\$	285,582	
Payments to suppliers		(843,268)		(687,581)	
Net cash used by operating activities	\$	(492,595)	\$	(401,999)	
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL					
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Operating subsidies	\$	473,302	\$	530,398	
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND					
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Capital contributions	\$	39,986	\$	125,897	
Purchase of capital assets		(37,032)		(116,539)	
Interest paid on advances		-		(1,212)	
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities	\$	2,954	\$	8,146	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$	(16,339)	\$	136,545	
Balances-beginning of year		136,545		_	
Balances-end of year	\$	120,206	\$	136,545	
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used					
by operating activities:					
Operating loss	\$	(497,836)	\$	(419,814)	
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used					
by operating activities:					
Depreciation expense		25,162		11,654	
Interest paid on state advances		-		1,212	
Non-operating receivables (payables), net		-		(110,320)	
Change in current assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable		(14,025)		(32,979)	
Due from federal government		(12,118)		(5,401)	
Escrow-Michigan Transit Pool		(6,319)		-	
Prepaid insurance		1,649		(7,689)	
Accounts payable		926		36,083	
Unearned revenues		6,319		-	
Due to state government		3,647		125,255	
Net cash used by operating activities	\$	(492,595)	\$	(401,999)	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORTING ENTITY

The St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority (the "Authority") is a public body organized as a legal entity pursuant to the Public Transportation Authority Act--- Public Act 196 of 1986. The Authority was created to coordinate the transportation for human service agencies in St. Joseph County, Michigan and provide those services for the County of St. Joseph. The Authority has the capability and the authority to provide public transportation to the general public in the area serviced.

The Authority's financial statements include the accounts of all the Authority's operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Authority's reporting entity, as set forth in section 2100 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's ("GASB") *Codification of Government Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, include whether:

- The organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- The Authority holds the corporate powers of the organization
- The Authority appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- The Authority is able to impose its will on the organization
- The organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Authority
- There is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the Authority

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Authority has no component units.

The Authority also implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* ("GASB 34"). Changes to the Authority's financial statements as a result of GASB 34 are as follows:

A Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") section providing analysis of the Authority's overall financial position and results of operations has been included.

Basic financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Authority's activities have been provided.

NOTE 2. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

Proprietary (Enterprise) Fund

This fund accounts for operations: a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

NOTE 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Authority have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of American ("GAAP") as applicable to governmental units and with the rules prescribed in the local public transit revenue and expense manual by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The Authority also applies Financial Accounting Standard ("FASB") pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The most significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below:

A. Fund Accounting

The Authority uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Authority's functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Authority has only one fund, a proprietary fund. See Note 2 for description.

B. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>

Financial statements. — The statement of net assets, the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets and the statement of cash flows display information about the Authority as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. The statements show those activities of the Authority that are considered business-type activities, the only type of the Authority. With the Authority having only one fund type, a single presentation presents the total activity and fund.

The statements are accounted for on a flow using the economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net assets. The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets presents increases (i.e. revenues) and decreases (i.e. expenses) in net total assets. The statement of cash flow provides information about how the Authority finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activity.

C. <u>Basis of Accounting</u>

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. The proprietary fund uses the accrual basis of accounting.

Revenues: Exchange Transactions — Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place.

NOTE 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

C. Basis of Accounting, concluded

Revenues: Non-exchange Transactions — Revenues in which the Authority receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and fares, are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements; which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements; in which the Authority must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements; in which the resources are provided to the Authority on a reimbursement basis.

Expenses— Expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

D. <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Authority considers all highly liquid investments available for current operations with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

E. <u>Prepaid Expenses</u>

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the current fiscal year, are recorded as prepaid items using the consumption method.

F. <u>Inventories</u>

Inventories of replacement parts and fuel are valued at lower of cost or market. Office supplies are not included in inventories.

G. Capital Assets and Depreciation

All capital assets are capitalized at cost using a \$5,000 capitalization threshold and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair market values as of the date received. The Authority does not possess any infrastructure. Costs relating to maintenance and repairs are charged to expense when they do not add value to the assets or materially extend the life, whereas those for renewals and betterments, when significant in amount, are capitalized.

NOTE 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONCLUDED

G. Capital Assets and Depreciation, concluded

All reported capital assets are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

DescriptionEstimated LivesBuses5 yearsEquipment and other5-10 years

H. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by any outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Authority or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws, or regulations of other governments.

I. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the activity of the proprietary fund. The Authority's operating revenues are passenger and contract fares collected for providing transportation services.

J. Contributions of Capital

Contributions of capital in the proprietary fund arise from outside contributions of fixed assets, or from grants or outside contributions of resources restricted to capital acquisition and construction.

K. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of the Authority and that are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither type of transaction occurred during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003.

L. <u>Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2004 and 2003

NOTE 4. OPERATING ASSISTANCE RECEIVABLE (PAYABLE)

State Operating Assistance Receivable (Payable)

	2004	2003
Operating Expenses	\$ 850,098	\$ 728,841
Less:		
Interest expense	-	(1,212)
Depreciation	(25,162)	(11,654)
Repairs and maintenance reimbursement	(13,254)	(9,358)
Project zero reimbursements	(71,545)	(72,460)
Specialized services	(17,600)	-
Seminars and other reimbursements (R.T.A.P.)	(821)	(1,944)
Eligible operating expenses subject to limitation	\$ 721,716	\$ 632,213
42.24% (2004) and 43.80 % (2003)of eligible operating expenses	\$ 304,828	\$ 276,910
State operating revenues received	308,475	 402,165
Due from(to) State Government current year	\$ (3,647)	\$ (125,255)
Due from(to) State Government prior year	(125,255)	
Total due from(to) State Government	\$ (128,902)	
Section 5311 Operating Assistance Receivable (Payable)		
Operating expenses	\$ 850,098	\$ 728,841
Less:		
Interest expense	-	(1,212)
Depreciation	(25,162)	(11,654)
Repairs and maintenance reimbursement	(13,254)	(9,358)
Audit expense	(4,750)	(4,250)
Project zero reimbursements	(71,545)	(72,460)
Specialized services	(17,600)	-
Seminars and other reimbursements (R.T.A.P.)	 (821)	 (1,944)
Eligible operating expenses subject to limitation	\$ 716,966	\$ 627,963
10.95% of eligible operating expenses	\$ 78,508	\$ 68,762
Progress payments made	 66,390	 63,361
Due from Federal Government-5311 monies current year	\$ 12,118	\$ 5,401
Due from Federal Government-5311 monies prior year	5,401	
Total due from Federal Government-5311 monies	\$ 17,519	

NOTE 5. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Michigan Compiled Laws, section 129.91, authorizes the Authority to invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations: bonds, securities and other obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States, including securities issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association, United States government, or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements: bankers' acceptance of United States banks: mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local government in Michigan; and commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the three highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, and which involves no more than 50 percent of any one fund. Michigan law prohibits security in the form of collateral, surety bonds, or other forms for the deposit of public money. Attorney General's Opinion No. 6168 states that public funds may not be deposited in financial institutions which do not have branches located in Michigan.

The Authority's deposits are in accordance with State statutory authority.

At September 30, 2004, the Authority has deposits with local banks. The carrying amounts are \$120,206 with the bank balance being \$120,150. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) provides the protection of the Authority's deposits.

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined by GASB Statement No. 3 Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements is as follows:

		2004		2003	
Deposits:	·				
Insured (F.D.I.C)	\$	5 100,000	\$	100,000	
Uninsured and uncollateralized		20,150		36,475	
Total Deposits	\$	120,150	\$	136,475	
Undeposited cash (petty cash on hand)		56		70	
Total Cash Balances	\$	120,206	\$	136,545	

Notes to Financial Statements September 30, 2004 and 2003

NOTE 6. RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Receivables as of September 30, 2004 and 2003 consist of accounts (fees) and intergovernmental grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full and are summarized as follows:

	 2004	2003		
Charges for services	\$ 25,034	\$	23,445	
State capital grants:				
M.D.O.T. 2002-0567	1,550		4,236	
R.T.P.A.	-		769	
M.D.O.T. 2002-0693/Z3	3,223		-	
Federal operation grants:				
Project zero	17,197		4,529	
	\$ 47,004	\$	32,979	
Payables as of September 30, 2004 and 2003 are summarized as follows:				
Trade	\$ 37,009	\$	36,083	

NOTE 7. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal years ended September 30 was as follows:

Purchased with Capital Grants:

]	Balance]	Balance
	1	10/1/2003		Additions		rements	9/30/2004	
Buses	\$	102,690	\$	-	\$	-	\$	102,690
Equipment		13,849		37,032		-		50,881
	\$	116,539	\$	37,032	\$	-	\$	153,571
Less: accumulated								
depreciation		(11,654)		(25,162)				(36,816)
	\$	104,885	\$	11,870	\$	-	\$	116,755

NOTE 8. CAPITAL GRANTS

The Authority has contracted with federal and state agencies for grant funds to purchase equipment. All monies that the Authority is now eligible to receive have not yet been disbursed or requested. The following table shows the funds available at September 30, 2004:

Grant	A	pproved	R	eceived	Requested		Available	
M.D.O.T. contract 2002-0571	\$	14,000	\$	13,849	\$	-	\$	151
M.D.O.T. contract 2002-0567		14,000		9,248		1,550		3,202
M.D.O.T. contract 2002-0693/Z3:								
Communication System		25,500		18,086		83		7,331
Power washer & compressor		17,500		15,120		-		2,380
Paint buses		17,000		2,007		3,140		11,853
	\$	88,000	\$	58,310	\$	4,773	\$	24,917

NOTE 9. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority participates in a public entity risk pool for its general and automobile liability insurance. The pool is through the Michigan Transit Pool Liability Trust Fund and will cover up to \$4,000,000 per claim subject to a \$10,000 per claim deductible. Settled claims relating to the insurance did not exceed coverage during the current fiscal year.

NOTE 10. OPERATING LEASES

The Authority entered into a lease with ARCH, Inc. for the use of vehicles, equipment and buildings. The lease, dated October 1, 2002 is for a term of two years. The building is being leased for \$100 per month. Sixteen (16) vehicles are being leased for \$1 per year each and the equipment is also leased for \$1 per year. The total rent expense for the years ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 was \$1,217, respectively. The minimum obligations for the next five years are \$1,217 for the year ended September 30, 2005.





ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Board of Directors St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the St. Joseph County Public Transportation Authority's basic financial statements. The schedule of operating expenses and the schedule of eligible cost computations are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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November 19, 2004

SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004
(with comparative totals for 2003)

			General and				2003	
	Operations Main		ntenance	<u>Administrative</u>		<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>	
Services:								
Advertising	\$	1,942	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,942	\$ 1,215
Audit costs		-		-		4,750	4,750	4,250
Other (transportation coordinator)		-		-		20,004	20,004	20,000
Materials and Supplies		-		-		1,165	1,165	1,217
Utilities		-		-		1,605	1,605	1,520
Casualty and Liability Costs:							-	-
Premiums for public liability								
and property damage insurance		33,433		-		-	33,433	35,650
Other casualty and liability costs		-		-		12,524	12,524	6,515
Purchased transportation services	•	715,382		-		17,600	732,982	632,710
Miscellaneous:								
Travel, meetings, and training		-		-		1,080	1,080	1,513
Other miscellaneous		-		-		980	980	810
Operating leases and rentals		1,217		-		-	1,217	1,217
Interest on state advances		-		-		-	-	1,212
Depreciation on capital costs		25,162		-		-	25,162	11,654
Maintenance on capital costs		-		13,254		-	13,254	9,358
-	\$ '	777,136	\$	13,254	\$	59,708	\$ 850,098	\$ 728,841

SCHEDULE OF NET ELIGIBLE COST COMPUTATIONS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

	State Operating Assistance	Federal Section 5311
Services:		
Advertising	\$ 1,942	\$ 1,942
Audit costs	4,750	4,750
Other (transportation coordinator)	20,004	20,004
Materials and Supplies	1,165	1,165
Utilities	1,605	1,605
Casualty and Liability Costs:		
Premiums for public liability		
and property damage insurance	33,433	33,433
Other casualty and liability costs	12,524	12,524
Purchased transportation services	732,982	732,982
Miscellaneous:		
Travel, meetings, and training	1,080	1,080
Other miscellaneous	980	980
Operating leases and rentals	1,217	1,217
Interest on state advances	-	-
Depreciation on capital costs	25,162	25,162
Maintenance on capital costs	13,254	13,254
Total operating expenses	\$ 850,098	\$850,098
Less: Ineligible Exenses		
Interest on state advances	\$ -	\$ -
Depreciation on capital costs	25,162	25,162
Maintenance on capital costs	13,254	13,254
Project zero reimbursements	71,545	71,545
Specialized services	17,600	17,600
Seminars and other reimbursements (R.T.A.P.)	821	821
Audit expense	-	4,750
Total Ineligible expenses	\$ 128,382	\$133,132
Net Eligible Expenses	\$ 721,716	\$716,966
State Statutory Operating Assistance:		
42.236619648% of eligible expenses	\$ 304,828	n/a
Federal Section 5311:		
10.95% of elibible expenses	n/a	\$ 78,508